

**Canyons of the Ancients National Monument
Advisory Committee Meeting
September 28, 2006**

Advisory Committee Attendees

Kelly Wilson	Chuck McAfee	Chris Majors	Mark Varien
Bud Poe	Bill Lipe	Cliff Bankston (pm)	Bob Clayton (pm)
Liz Tozer (pm)			

Bureau of Land Management Attendees

LouAnn Jacobson, Monument Manager
Heather Musclow, Planner
Linda Farnsworth, Monument archaeologist, note taker

SWCA Consultant

Steve Kandell

Public Attendees

Gala Pock, Citizen	Tom Thomas, NPS Rocky Mtn. Regional Office
Amber Clark, San Juan Citizens Alliance	Corky Hays, NPS Hovenweep
Ann Brown, Senator Ken Salazar Staff	Pat Lequena, Citizen
Nan Carman CANM Site Monitor	Carl Knight, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
Ken Kinsman, Citizen	Bob McBride, Citizen
John Crane, Cortez Journal	

Agenda

9:00am - 9:15am	Greetings and Introductions
9:15am - 9:25am	Agenda Review
9:25am - 10:00am	Monument Manager Update
10:00am - 10:30am	Approval of Minutes from the September 6, 2005 Meeting And Election of New Committee Officers
10:30am - 10:45am	Break
10:45am - 1:40pm	General Overview of the Alternatives and Process Used to Develop Them
11:40pm - 12:00pm	● Public Comment
12:00pm - 12:30 pm	Lunch at the Anasazi Heritage Center
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Review Process for Tracking Alternative Recommendations from the Committee and study time
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Workshop- Time spent with alternatives
3:00pm - 3:20pm	● Public Comment
3:20pm - 3:45pm	Friday's Agenda: Continuation of Workshop

Note: Since a quorum was not present for the morning, items scheduled for 10:00 and 10:45 were postponed until the afternoon and the topic scheduled for 12:30 was moved to the morning.

Greetings and Introductions

Kelly Wilson called the meeting to order 09:00am.

Agenda Review

Heather Musclow reviewed agenda. The Committee Contact list was updated.

Monument Manager Update

LouAnn Jacobson gave an overview of the expectations and goals for the day. She asked the Advisory Committee to let us know of big picture concerns, fatal flaws, missing information, and group recommendations for changes.

Cliff Bankston, Dolores County Commissioner, is a new appointee representing the Dolores County Board of Commissioners. No complete nomination packages were received for the two Native American positions and they remain vacant.

The Monument Advisory Committee Charter expires December 2006. The charter renewal package was submitted to the Washington Office and requested the following changes:

- Formal language allowing the Advisory Committee to have sub-groups
- Reducing the number of members needed for a quorum from 7 to 6

The San Juans Public Lands Center completed workforce planning which resulted in 66 positions cut from the staff organization. Changes will occur over the next 2-3 years. Specifically, the Monument and Anasazi Heritage Center (AHC) is abolishing two positions and creating two new positions, which are unlikely to be filled in the near future due to a lack of funding. Kelly responded that the role of the Advisory Committee may shift to an advocacy for adequately funding the Monument.

Fiscal year 2006 accomplishments included:

- The Monument-AHC volunteer program, with 266 volunteers in FY2005, won the BLM National "Make a Difference Award"
- The "Ancient Images Pueblo Perspectives" Project in partnership with Crow Canyon Archaeological Center won the Colorado Preservation Inc. State Honor Award
- Antiquities Act Centennial celebration, funded by a grant from the Colorado State Historical Fund, included the *Archaeology Grows Up* exhibit, Information Fair for private landowners with cultural resources, collections management, and a short film on visiting site respectfully
- Fort Lewis College and Colorado College field schools
- Elderhostel Rock Art recordings
- Historic American Building Survey (HABS) documentation at Serpents Quarters.
- Preserve America designations for Pagosa Springs, Durango, and Montezuma County
- Lynn Scarlett, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; John Nau, Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Ann Pritzloff, Advisory Council and Colorado Preservation Inc. and John Fowler, Advisory Council, toured the AHC and Monument with BLM staff and partners on September 2

Review Process for Tracking Recommendations

Steve Kandell introduced the tracking system he developed for incorporating Committee recommendations into alternatives. He took the six categories of recommendations and incorporated them in to 16 of the 22 subject areas. Steve developed a database to reflect 1) what the recommendation was, 2) whether it was used or not, 3) if so, where and 4) if not, why.

Steve explained that many of the Advisory Committee recommendations were implementation-level tasks and were placed in Best Management Practices and Guidelines that will be used in future implementation plans. What was needed for this plan was more broad-based guidance and when that was given, it was generally used.

Heather explained that issues drive alternatives and the six categories where the Advisory Committee provided recommendations are the primary issues that will provide the range among alternatives. Many other categories were not issues and will likely be dealt with the same for all alternatives.

The Advisory Committee tracked their comments and in general felt it was a good, transparent way to track recommendations.

A discussion followed regarding the importance of good communication between the Monument Manager, resource specialists and livestock grazing permittees while making rangeland management decisions. Good communication is important, particularly when it comes to monitoring. The Rangeland Health Assessment is just one of several tools in managing rangelands. The Rangeland Health Assessment was a major effort and will not be repeated for 10 or even 15 more years. The Rangeland Health Assessment is used along with other data sources and tools (e.g. trend data, pfc) when making rangeland management decisions.

Public Comment

Nan Carman expressed concern about accessing the Monument without trespassing on private land. Is there going to be information available as a result of the plan that will show access?

The transportation alternative will highlight access to the Monument. Since Nan is a WSA monitor, she should work with Kathe Hayes about getting access. Once the plan is done, there will be a map created based on the transportation plan. It was also suggested that Nan look in the Assessor's office to see who the landowners are. She could then ask for access permission.

Gala Pock is a private landowner adjacent to the Monument who gets trespass horses on her property. She noted that these horses also trespassed on the Monument. What can she do to get their property surveyed and fenced? Realizing private land has to fence against public land, could there be a cost-share agreement? This is a budget issue. Private landowners are responsible for both the survey and the fencing. The Monument needs to deal with trespass livestock on them and if that can stop, then it should stop the problem on Gala's property.

Pat Requena asked if notices of meetings can be put on our website.

Lunch

General Overview of the Alternatives and Process Used to Develop Them

LouAnn gave a powerpoint presentation summarizing the alternatives and went over detailed timeline for plan completion. She explained that recreation continues to be developed by the Colorado BLM State Office. We should receive the information at any time and will present it to the Advisory Committee on Oct. 10th. Recreation and transportation are closely related, but

the transportation alternative is here for the committee to look at today. Mileages may change based on recreation review.

LouAnn stated that she is looking for big picture items. The Committee was asked to mark up forms with editorial items and we will incorporate them. The next opportunity the Advisory Committee will have for making comments will be when Chapters 1-3 are out for review.

Workshop- Time spent with alternatives

Time was provided for the Advisory Committee to review the alternatives and make comments.

Public Comment

Amber Clark asked why there isn't an alternative for No oil and gas leasing. LouAnn explained that the No Action or Current Management alternative covers the "no leasing" option. Amber then asked us to explain drainage and leasing.

Steve responded by explaining that the Monument can lease to 1) promote conservation of a common reservoir or 2) reduce drainage. Conservation in this sense means extraction of minerals to protect Federal resources. Drainage means a neighboring well on private land is draining minerals from underneath public land. There are two formations under the Monument the Paradox formation which is where the algal mounds (oil and natural gas) are found and the Leadville formation where CO2 is generally located. The McElmo Dome Unit covers most of the Monument based on the Leadville formation. When we say most of the Monument is leased, we are not distinguishing the type of mineral it is leased for since we can not delineate leases based on vertical stratification of resources. In other words, if an area is leased for minerals it is leased for all minerals regardless of the formation.

Approval of Minutes from the September 6, 2005 Meeting/Election of New Committee Officers

Meeting minutes from 9/6/2005 were accepted and approved.

Mark Varien motioned to retain current officers. Bud Poe seconded the motion.

Motion passed: 5 aye, 1 nay (Kelly Wilson), 1 abstain (Chuck McAfee)

Discussion followed regarding the original Committee appointments. The appointments are for four years and expire in July 2007. They apparently cannot be extended and new nominations will be required at the end of the four-year term. LouAnn is considering two options:

- 1) Keep as an Advisory Group but will need to go through the whole nomination process.
- 2) Create a sub-committee under the SW Resource Advisory Council

Chris Majors asked if the committee can go on record for which planning alternative they support? It was suggested they wait until the effects analysis is complete and then comment when the Draft RMP is available. Internal review of analysis is in February at which time individual Committee members may review the preferred alternative and draft RMP. Since this is a FACA committee, there can't be an executive session. All meetings have to be open to the public. The public review period of the Draft RMP would be a good time for Committee members to bring their constituents together to review the Draft RMP and make comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.